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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - May 3, 2006

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced today the unsealing in San Diego of an indictment charging Dane Allen Reed, Brian Philip Seaman, and John Dishman with conspiracy to manufacture marijuana, and related offenses. The charges arose from the operation of a San Diego-based, marijuana manufacturing organization responsible for growing hundreds of marijuana plants. Three residences, located in the Fallbrook and Clairemont areas and owned by Dane Reed, were used to facilitate the marijuana manufacturing operation.

All three defendants are charged with Conspiracy to Manufacture Marijuana. In addition, Reed faces three counts, Seaman two counts, and Dishman one count, all charging the Manufacture of Marijuana Plants.

Reed and Seaman will next appear in court on May 8, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. before United States District Judge Thomas J. Whelan, and Dishman's next court appearance will be on May 16, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. before United States Magistrate Judge Ruben B. Brooks.

This investigation was conducted by the San Diego Sheriff's Department, and the Narcotics Task Force.

DEFENDANTS

Dane Allen Reed	In Custody
Brian Philip Seaman	In Custody
John Dishman	On Release

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Number of Defendants: 3

Title 21, U.S.C., Secs. 846 and 841(a)(1) - Conspiracy to Manufacture Marijuana Plants

Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 841(a)(1) - Manufacture of Marijuana Plants

Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2 - Aiding and Abetting

Title 18 U.S.C., Sec. 853 - Criminal Forfeiture

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

San Diego Sheriff's Department
Narcotics Task Force
DEA Portland, Oregon Field Division

An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendants committed the crimes charged. The defendants are presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.